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HOMECOMING GAME IS SET FOR NOV. 1

Middle Aisle Claims Five Young Alumni

TWO RECENT GRADS WED RENSSELAERIENS IN ST. AUGUSTINE'S

Five alumni took on the responsibilities of married life during the past month.

Richard Cody, of the class of '41, was united in marriage with Pauline Tonner, Saturday, October 4, in St. Augustine's Church, Rensselaer. Miss Tonner is the daughter of Prof. Paul Tonner, music instructor for the past 23 years at St. Joseph's. Ushers were Charles Simms and Robert Conley, former classmates of the groom who is now connected with the Retail Credit Company, Louisville.

Joseph Faulkner, of the class of '41, took as his bride Josephine Zimmer, of Rensselaer, Monday, September 22, in St. Augustine's Church. Mr. Faulkner, formerly of Anchorage, Ky., is now employed by International Harvester, at Indianapolis.

John F. McNamara, '30-'34, of Gary, and Lucille M. Speich, R. N. of Chicago, were wed Thursday, August 28. The groom is a salesman for the Gordon Baking Company.

James Fitzmaurice, of the class of '40, and Mary Ann Moran, of Portland, Ind., were united in wedlock, Tuesday, September 2, at the Immaculate Conception Church, Portland. Mr. Fitzmaurice is employed at a torpedo plant in the navy yard at Alexandria, Va.

James Boedeker, '39-'41, and Betty Jane Throckmorton were united in marriage Saturday, October 11, in St. Jude's Church, Fort Wayne. The groom is employed by the Essex Wire Company. Best man was George Bitler, '39-'40.

DESIGNS THE BUST OF FOUNDER



(Courtesy Toledo Catholic Chronicle)

After studying a collection of old pictures of Blessed Gaspar del Bufalo, the Rev. Richard Baird, C.P.P.S., '32-'35, designed a bust of the founder of the Society of the Precious Blood. Anyone who wishes to order one of the popular-priced busts may do so by writing to Father Baird at 104 Center Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

Fieldhouse Drive Reaches \$31,182

The Fieldhouse Fund drive now stands at \$31,182. Folders and pledge cards were sent out last week to the 2,100 alumni who have not yet contributed.

The potentiality of the association is shown in the fact that 373 contributors have brought the drive almost half way to the \$75,000 goal.

Alumnus Tours With Boys' Band

ELKHART, IND.—The Rev. James Conroy, '26-'32, assistant at St. Vincent's Church, is having more than average success with a boys' harmonica band. While traveling westward last summer, his troop gave a concert at Boy's Town. Father Conroy's musicians will give a concert in Collegeville some time during the winter.

Pumas To Face Carroll College Of Waukesha

ALUMNI REQUESTED TO MAKE RESERVATIONS AT HOOSIER INN

Kickoff for the annual Homecoming Game will be at 1:30 p. m., Saturday, November 1, on the Collegeville gridiron.

St. Joe will face Carroll College, of Waukesha, Wis. The Pioneers are always big, rangy boys who know plenty about football.

In the evening, the Homecoming Dance will be held in the Rensselaer Armory.

There is a chance that reservations will be at a premium. The only way to be safe is to get in touch with George Fate, manager of the Hoosier Inn, Rensselaer.

Chicagoans Start Holiday Plans

CHICAGO.—The annual Holiday banquet of the Cook County Chapter will be held Tuesday evening, December 30, in the Old Town Room, of the Hotel Sherman, it was decided at a special meeting of the organization.

This year's feast will be no longer strictly stag, but will be open to the mothers, wives, and girl friends of the alumni. Cook County students enrolled at present at St. Joe will be guests of the chapter.

A special meeting of the organization is scheduled for Sieben's, Tuesday night, October 28, according to Vincent Boeke, '25-'27, who was reappointed secretary when Arthur Flood, '37-'38, was taken into the army.

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You CAN Take It With You

The C. L. S. will present "You Can't Take It With You," Tuesday night, October 28.

In the lead role of Mrs. Penny Sycamore, the traditional drama organization will feature Miss Mary Cengel, talented Whiting actress.

An alumnus can treat himself to a very enjoyable evening by attending the play that brings out a very good philosophy of life even though it is about a family which is made up of a snake collector, a toe dancer, a fireworks maker, a xylophonist, and a half-baked novelist. You really CAN take it with you when you leave. You will carry away memories of a play you enjoyed, of friends that you met, and above all you will have renewed pride in a college that has resolved to climb upward, and does.

— Sincerely Yours —

Sir:

I have been employed by the Social Security Board in Baltimore, Md., since my arrival here June 1. I like the work very much.

Are there any alumni or alumni chapters in Baltimore? If so would you please inform me of such a matter.

Please publish my address; so that I might hear from some of the old gang.

Leonard E. Mathew, '33-'37,
627 Plymouth Road,
Baltimore, Maryland.

(Editor's Note: There are no alumni chapters east of Cleveland. The only Baltimore alumnus recorded in our files is Raymond F. Yaeger, LL.B., '21-'24, of 635 Turnbridge Road).

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Sir:

I have a bet on the Valpo game with a Valpo alumnus; so tell the boys not to let me down.

By the way, why not reprint some stuff from the Freshman Echo (1929).

Ray Weixler, '28-'30,
820 Ashland Avenue,
South Bend, Indiana.

(Editor's Note: You can start planning right now how you are going to spend that bet money. Thanks for the good reprint suggestion).

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Sir:

In CONTACT for September, 1941, there is an article dated El Dorado, Ark., in which this statement appears: "It is believed to be

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Alumni of St. Joseph's have something to crow about in the fact that in these times when most institutions of higher learning are suffering heavy enrollment losses to armed forces and defense industries, Collegeville has new record breaking student population.

The total registration of 472 is seventeen above last year's all time high of 455.

Wake up Alumni and crow!

the first parish in the United States to bear the title of Martyrs of Uganda."

For the sake of the record that "it is believed" is all wrong. There is a parish, for colored, at Okmulgee, Oklahoma, which bears the title "Uganda Martyrs," established fifteen years ago. It is in a flourishing condition, the pastor having an assistant and there are over 300 pupils in the school.

Rev. T. F. Kramer, C.P.P.S., '94-'01,
120 West Sequoyah Avenue,
Vinta, Oklahoma.

(Editor's Note: Thank you very much. We always appreciate having our wrongs righted. We stole that story from the Catholic Register. You just can't trust anyone any more).

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Sir:

I had the surprise of my life when he entered the rectory of St. Sebastian's in Milwaukee. The only picture that flashed over my memory was that of the "old hurler" with the visor of his baseball cap tilted up. Now he is Dr. Fred Follmar ('27-'31) of the Emergency Hospital.

Rev. George Heinzen, C.P.P.S.,
5400 W. Washington Blvd.,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

(Editor's Note: If every alumnus would write us about his surprise meetings with fellow alumni, Contact would be much more interesting. Thanks a thousand times).

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Sir:

St. Joseph's College looks very good from the air. Sorry I couldn't stop.

Rev. L. R. Schneider,
USS. Pensacola,
Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

(Editor's Note: Father Schneider flew over Collegeville in an American Airliner, August 29. We too are sorry he couldn't stop).

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Sir:

Camp Croft is a very beautiful spot. We consider ourselves fortunate in having been sent here.

I received an appointment as Corporal last Sunday, and have a few more duties to perform.

We are going out on rifle range next week. I am anxious to see how our company will do.

John Cashman, '29-'32,
Barracks 208—Co. C,
37th Infantry,

Camp Croft, South Carolina.

(Editor's Note: Don't worry about how your company will do. Any outfit with John Cashman in it will do all right).



Turn Back the Clock

THANKS to H. H. Leugers, '08-'11, Maria Stein, O., for a copy of June 8, 1941 issue of Diamond Dust. The student publication, according to the front page, was weekly paper for home and family." claimed to have been "founded by J. O'Donnell and published every Wednesday at 4 p. m. (if weather permits) for the purpose of furthering the interest in our national sports and creating a spirit of good humor among the students."

The Collegeville paper cost five cent copy, "regular subscribers six copies twenty-five cents." Under the motto, "knock to boost," the paper was put out by C. O'Leary, editor; L. E. McGurran, business manager; H. Berghoff and A. Copenolle, porters, and J. Wemhoff, stenographer.

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FOOTBALL back in the days of interclass games was a clear cut case of assault and battery with intent to kill. A season of minor murders was usually climaxed with the grand massacre called the Thanksgiving morning High School-College melee. One could really be thankful for anything until the game was over.

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THE FLAGPOLE RUSH of Columbus Day '29 will be long remembered by the thousands of students who were on the campus at that time. It was really October 14, Columbus Day having fallen on Saturday, and the student holiday was granted the following Monday.

During the first half, while the Fourths growled at the Fifts and the Fifts glared at the Fourths, a flag bearing the legend, "Hurray for the Fourths," flew from atop the pole. All during the first and second quarters Heinie Grot went about stirring up discontent among the collegians. When the gun sounded for the half, the collegians marched on the flagpole determined to tear down the flag. The high schools rallied to protect their pennant. And what ensued is beyond description. Father Paluszak gradually broke up the roundhouse by tooting on the referee's whistle.

The high schoolers lowered the flag. The collegians stole it. That night the collegians set fire to the pennant. The high schoolers got the fire hose out of the gymnasium, turned it on the bonfire and on the collegians.

It was a day that will be long remembered.

TIME OUT



REV. JOHN LEFKO

The slang term "up and at em" might very well have been coined to describe the Rev. John Lefko, C.P.P.S., '27-'32, assistant at St. John the Baptist Church, Whiting.

The young priest brought several troopers from his CYO unit to Collegeville. They staged a two hour and a half show that gave the boys something to write home about.

Here's a tip: Any alumnus within hitch-hiking distance of the Calumet area will do himself a favor, if he attends one of St. John's CYO productions.

"Loose Ankles," a three act comedy about three professional male escorts, will be staged Sunday, Oct. 26. Two of the three male escorts are former St. Joe men, William Curosh, '34-'40, and Paul Monastyrski, '34-'36. John Paylo, '37-'39, also has a big part.

Father Lefko will take time out for a breathing spell while that play is in production. It will be handled by Jimmy LaPert, a former pro who was on the stage with George M. Cohan.

The CYO is writing a musical comedy, with songs, dances, gags and everything original. Tentative titles are "On a Date," and "Date Fantasy." It will be staged Nov. 26 and 27. Edward Kasper, '37-'38, is one of the script writers.

Pathfinder Runs Feature Article On Life Of Msgr. William Arnold

"I am just another soldier in this big army, but I can't help telling you just what an inspiration it has been knowing you for one hour . . . This letter might prove silly to some people, but I hope you will understand it and pray for me."

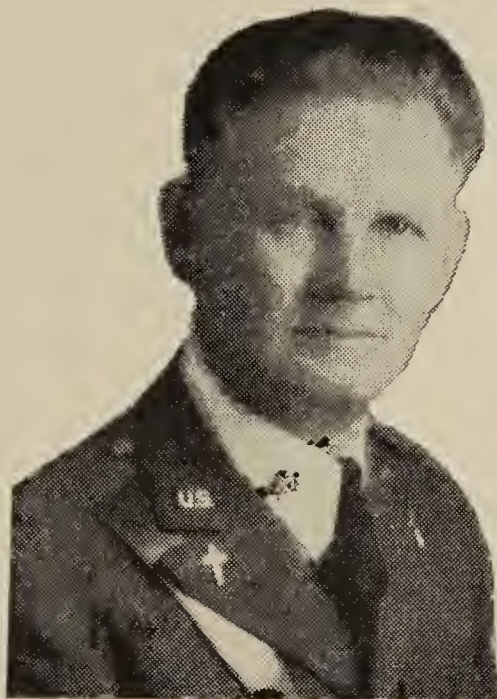
Such are the opening and closing sentences of a letter received by one of the 1,449 chaplains in the United States Army. In its expression of the soldier's appreciation and regard for his chaplain and his work it is typical of many such received each week by these religious counselors and co-workers of the Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish boys in the service. Their leader is square-jawed, blue-eyed William R. Arnold, Chief of Chaplains—the fifth to hold this high office, and the first Roman Catholic to hold it.

According to the Chaplain's manual, recently issued by the War Department, "the most valuable lessons of the chaplain come from the school of personal experience and intelligent observation." From that school, which is life itself, 60-year-old Chief Chaplain Arnold has taken his degrees cum laude.

THANKS to the editors of Pathfinder for permission to reprint this feature story and picture which appeared in the August 30, 1941, issue of their publication.

As a boy he had two ambitions; one was to preach, the other to become a circus performer. He has realized both of them. His preaching career he began at the age of six by holding soap box services in the neighborhood of his home in Wooster, Ohio. It was then he learned that one of the first laws of that way of life is self-renunciation. "My brother always took up a collection," he said, "but never gave me a share."

This natural bent for exhorting his fellows usually earned him the assignment of barker in the kid circuses, which were as popular with children a generation or so ago as war games are today. The spieler's job was all right, he told us, but it wasn't enough. He wanted to be one of the performers—nothing fancy, like trapeze artist or lion tamer,



WILLIAM R. ARNOLD

but that distillation of all circus enjoyment, a clown. It was an ambition which had to wait for a while, however.

The future Chief of Chaplains determined to prepare himself for the priesthood. He studied first at St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Ind., where he earned his A. B. degree, then completed his theological education at St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, N. Y. He was ordained on June 8, 1908, and assigned to St. Charles Church, Peru, Ind., as assistant priest.

It happened that the Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus made its winter quarters at Peru, and that many members of the organization attended religious services at St. Charles. Straightway the young priest became unofficially the circus chaplain. For two weeks every year of his five-year ministry at Peru, he went with the Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus when it left on summer tour. He went as chaplain, but he turned performer with each street parade—his role; playing the bass drum in the clown band.

All this was fitting experience for young Arnold's subsequent calling as an Army chaplain to which he was appointed on May 7, 1913. For in no other branch of religious work, with the possible exception of certain missionary endeavor, does so close a relationship exist between the worker and those whom he serves. Each chaplain is him-

Two Former Students Die During August

Two deaths have been brought to the attention of the Alumni Office.

A. M. Hierholzer, '97-'98, Celina, O., banker, was found dead during the summer. The alumnus who was identified with the Commercial Bank of Celina for 37 years was a victim of a heart attack.

Jerome Fritch, '38-'40, died August 14, a victim of paralysis. The Jasper, Ind., alumnus was ill only four days.

Syl Moebs Weds

CHICAGO.—Miss Eugenie Feldman became the bride of Sylvester Moebs, '23-'27, Saturday, Sept. 27, in St. Theodore's Church. Mr. Moebs is proprietor of a Chicago Liquor Store.

Foley Ill In Chicago

William Foley, '36-'39, is a patient in the Chicago Municipal Sanitarium, Bryn Mawr & Pulaski, Chicago. He would like to hear from some of his friends.

self a soldier, living with the soldiers and sharing their life from training camp to the front line of battle. (During the World War five of the chaplains serving with the A. E. F. were killed in action and 33 wounded).

Questioned on that score the Chief of Chaplains (whose Army rank is that of Colonel) revealed himself to be a Christian Soldier in a very literal sense. He does not hold with those who believe it incompatible with religion to fight in defense of the social goods for which they and their forefathers have struggled.

As for the Biblical prophecy that he who takes up the sword shall die by it, Chaplain Arnold believes that it makes a difference whether that sword is taken up by the aggressor or the one whom he attacks. If he who takes up the sword is to die by it, the Chaplain pointed out, it must be at the hands of the man who has been obliged to take up that same weapon in his own defense. Otherwise might the good of the world perish. Moreover, Chaplain Arnold envisions the Christian ethic of turning the other cheek as an appeal to patience, to every forbearance short of permitting destruction. Religion itself, he maintains, is an armor.

THE ROUNDUP

by



Coach Joe Dienhart

KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED. Up-to-date we have kept our slate clean by defeating Butler, 13-6; Toledo, 3-0, and Loras, of Dubuque, Iowa, 13-0.

BUT THAT'S ONLY one third of the way home. On Oct. 11 we face Central Normal in our first home game of the season. This tilt is important because it is an Indiana Conference game, and since our victory over Butler we have been itching to get our fingers on the conference crown. Central Normal shouldn't be underestimated; they took Eastern Ill., and Valparaiso University without too much trouble.

TOUGH COMPETITION awaits us the following Saturday, Oct. 18, when we go to Bloomington, Ill., to dedicate Illinois Wesleyan's new stadium and to play for the Titans' Homecoming.

THE FINAL ROAD GAME is scheduled for Oct. 25, at Detroit Tech.

HOME COMING, the occasion when many of you return for an enjoyable week-end, will be held Saturday, Nov. 1. We will face the Carroll College Pioneers, of Waukesha, Wis., and that's no simple assignment. I guarantee this game to be one of the best of the season.

TWO HOME GAMES will bring the season to a close. The Pumas will face St. Norbert College, Nov. 9. Please note that this game is to be played on a Sunday afternoon. On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 20, we will ring down the curtain with Valparaiso University.

Any Magazines?

Two St. Joe students have volunteered to serve as middle men between alumni in army camps and those not in army camps. If any alumnus will send Catholic magazines to either Donald Casey or John Ford, in Seifert Hall, the students will see to it that alumni in camp receive them.

Collegeville, U. S. A.

SEVEN PROFESSORS were added to St. Joseph's faculty this year. They are: The Revs. Rupert Landoil, Cyril Knue, Cletus Dirksen, Raphael Gross, Clarence Schuerman, Robert Koch, and Bernard Scharf.

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NEWSPAPERS all over the country have been running stories and pictures in connection with Father Baechle's bird banding project. Here is the story that started it all:

Birds have an uncanny ability for finding the Rev John Baechle, C.P.P.S., official bird-bander at St. Joseph's College.

A humming bird, two robins, three chimney swifts and a yellow-billed cuckoo found their way into the building in which the biology professor resides. They all used the traditional entrances of open windows and open doors.

However, Father Baechle's latest visitor, a broad-winged hawk, crashed through a window pane of double thickness. The bird, with a wingspread of 35 inches,

was uninjured. The hawk received the 487th band of the season, and was the 22nd species recorded at St. Joseph's.

Father Baechle said that before he took over his bird banding duties last spring, his residence did not seem to attract bird visitors.

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AMERICAN TEA is the only thing that Kenneth Platt, a refugee from England, doesn't like about this country. Before coming to this country a year ago he went to St. Joseph's College in Stoke-on-Trent.

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A STATE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, was held at St. Joseph's. Huntington was the winner.

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TWO CELEBRITIES, Myrtil Ross, the actress, and Theodore Maynard, the poet, will appear on the Collegeville stage during October. Miss Ross is scheduled for the 18th; Mr. Maynard the 30th.

APPOINTMENTS CHANGE FILES



REV. JAMES QUINN



REV. EDWARD HESSION

(Courtesy Our Sunday Visitor)

Appointments for many of the most recently ordained alumni have been filed in the Alumni Office. The Rev. James E. Quinn, '29-'35, is assistant at Holy Angels, Gary. Father Edward Hession, '29-'35, is stationed at St. Patrick's, Fort Wayne. The Rev. Joseph Klinker, '29-'35, is at St. Mary's, Huntington, Ind. In Louisville, the Revs. Thomas E. Buren, '28-'34, is located at St. Columba's; Chester Bowling, '28-'34, at the Cathedral, and Edward V. Biven, '28-'34, at St. Vincent's Orphanage. Also in Kentucky, the Revs. William Hartlage, '29-'35, is assistant at Holy Trinity, in St. Matthew's; and John Elder, at St. Augustine's, Lebanon. The Rev. George H. Reinweiller, '29-'32, is stationed at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Tempe, Ariz. Father Maurice Meyers, S. J., '26-'30, ordained to the Russian Rite in Shanghai, is, as far as we know, still in Shanghai. Father Michael Spegele, C.P.P.S., '31-'35, has missions at Killdeer, N. D. Word has not yet been received from the Revs. Charles A. Saffer, '29-'35, of the diocese of Owensboro, and John A. Downey, '30-'35, and Vincent G. Herman, '29-'31, both of the diocese of Toledo.

YIPPEE!



REV. GEORGE REINWEILLER

Cowboys around Tempe, Arizona, got a break when the Rev. George Reinweiller, '29-'32, was appointed assistant at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

The likeable priest, a former resident of Shelby, O., was ordained in May, having completed his studies at Pontifical College Josephinum, Worthington, O.

Father Reinweiller said that any alumni get to Tempe, which is nine miles east of Phoenix, he wishes they would visit him.

According to the Alumni Office files, there are four alumni in Phoenix, Ambrose Gengler, I. Gengler, James P. McConkey Jr., Edmund Scheidler. Stationed at Tucson is the Rev. Celestine Freriks, C.P.P.S., in Mesa, the Rev. Leo A. Gatties.

Louisville Alumni Study At C. U.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Revs. William McKune and Alfred Horrigan, both '28-'34 and both of Louisville, have enrolled at Catholic University. Father McKune is studying Theology. Father Horrigan, philosophy.

Other former Collegevillians at C. U. are the Revs. Leona Kostka, C.P.P.S., John Sam C.P.P.S., Rudolph Bierber C.P.P.S., and Charles Malone. A layman, Arthur Huelsman, '34, is studying electrical engineering.